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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6973

BILL NUMBER: HB 1281

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 24, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Isolated Wetlands.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that an exempt isolated wetland may be an isolated wetland that is located on land: (1) subject to regulation under United States Department of Agriculture wetland conservation programs, including Swampbuster and the Wetlands Reserve Program, because of voluntary enrollment in a federal farm program; and (2) used for agricultural or other purposes allowed under the programs. The bill also provides that a wetland that is created or restored as a water of the United States may be used, as an alternative to the creation or restoration of an isolated wetland, as compensatory mitigation.

Effective Date: (Amended) July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

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